

# RECOGNITION OF FT. BRAGG, SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE, AND CAMP LEJEUNE MARINE CORPS BASE

• Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the outstanding achievement of three of North Carolina's military bases.

On Friday, Secretary Rumsfeld announced the winners of the 2001 Commander in Chief's Awards for Installation Excellence. Of the five awards, three went to bases in North Carolina.

Ft. Bragg, located in Fayetteville, NC, was named the top Army post. Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, located in Goldsboro, NC, earned the honor of best Air Force post and Camp LeJeune in Jacksonville, NC, was chosen best Marine Corps base.

The Commander in Chief's Awards are highly competitive and a distinct honor for each of our outstanding North Carolina bases. The men and women who live and work at North Carolina's military installations put their country's interest ahead of their own each and everyday. These bases have also worked hard to forge strong relationships with their communities. I have visited each of these bases and the surrounding communities and I know these bases are excellent neighbors.

I congratulate the men and women of Ft. Bragg, Seymour Johnson, and Camp LeJeune on their excellent achievement. We in North Carolina are fortunate to have such a strong relationship with these bases and we are so proud these men and women call North Carolina home.●

## E.B. KENNELLY SCHOOL

• Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the achievements of the E.B. Kennelly School, a public elementary school in Hartford, CT. I recently visited the Kennelly School and was truly impressed with the progress the school has made in improving the educational standards in recent years.

The Hartford School System has faced some difficult challenges in the past decade, including declining test scores, low parental involvement, and high poverty rates among its student population. In recent years, the faculty and staff of the Kennelly School, led by principal Dr. Zoe Athanson, have brought the school up to such high standards that it has completed a voluntary accreditation process for elementary schools through the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. This has made the Kennelly School one of two Hartford schools to become the first fully accredited elementary schools in a large city in the State of Connecticut. Through hard work, dedication, and an unwavering commitment to the students, the Kennelly School has demonstrated that city schools are able to achieve the

same academic standards as their suburban counterparts, often against greater odds. The achievements of the Kennelly School serve as a model for troubled school systems throughout the country. With a commitment to excellence, anything is possible.

The people of Connecticut applaud the E.B. Kennelly School for its accomplishments. As the Kennelly School approaches its 100th Anniversary, we wish them much continued success in the future.●

## EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated on March 22, 2001:

EC-1123. A communication from the Secretary of Veteran Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the delay of a joint report on the implementation of law dealing with sharing health care costs with the Department of Defense; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MCCONNELL, from the Committee on Rules and Administration:

Special Report entitled "Review of Legislative Activity During the 106th Congress" (Rept. No 107-6).

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

On Friday, March 23, 2001, the following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BUNNING (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. 608. A bill to amend the Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933 to provide for greater ownership of electric power generation assets by municipal and rural electric cooperative utilities that provide retail electric service in the Tennessee Valley region, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. TORRICELLI:

S. 609. A bill to close loopholes in the firearms laws which allow the unregulated manufacture, assembly, shipment, or transportation of firearms or firearm parts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TORRICELLI:

S. 610. A bill to provide grants to law enforcement agencies to purchase firearms needed to perform law enforcement duties; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DORGAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DODD, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. 611. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that the reduction in social security benefits which are required in the case of spouses and surviving spouses who are also receiving certain Government pensions shall be equal to the amount by which two-thirds of the total amount of the combined monthly benefit (before reduction) and monthly pension exceeds \$1,200, adjusted for inflation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. BOND):

S. 612. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop and implement an annual plan for outreach regarding veterans benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. FITZGERALD:

S. 613. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance the use of the small ethanol producer credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 614. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Transportation and the Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Administration from taking action to finalize, implement, or enforce a rule related to the hours of service of drivers for motor carriers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KOHL:

S. 615. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to the eligibility of veterans for mortgage bond financing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HUTCHINSON (for himself and Mr. BOND):

S. 616. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the alternative minimum tax on individuals, to raise the exemption for small businesses from such tax, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COCHRAN:

S. 617. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve student and teacher performance and access to education in the critically challenged Lower Mississippi Delta region; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 618. A bill to designate certain lands in the Valley Forge National Historical Park as the Valley Forge National Cemetery; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. HELMS, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SANTORUM, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 619. A bill to establish a grant program that provides incentives for States to enact mandatory minimum sentences for certain firearms offenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. 620. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding elementary school and secondary school counseling; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated: